

Margareta moved in 1979 to the Graphic Arts International Union, serving as the financial recording secretary and membership reviewer.

During the 1960s and 1970s, she was an active member of the Office of Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), Local 2, and became the first woman to be elected First Vice-President of her local in 1974.

She served as chair or co-chair of numerous committees in her local, including the educational committee, the COPE committee, and the organizing committee. She also served as the chair of the Young Trade Unionists No. 2 from 1969 to 1984, and as the recording secretary of the Young Trade Unionists No. 1 from 1970 to 1973.

In 1980, Margareta was appointed as the Director of COPE for the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO, and earned a well-deserved reputation through the years as a determined advocate for all workers and a gritty political organizer.

She has worked on numerous political campaigns at the local, state and national levels, and it's more than fair to say that her unrelenting work across the state on behalf of working families built enduring relationships between the labor community and elected officials at all levels of government.

Margareta's boundless energy helped her balance her dedication to improving the lives of working men and women, with her love and devotion to her children, Brenda and Philip, and her grandchildren.

And as she enjoys semi-retirement, she should do so with the knowledge that her efforts over the last 40 years have changed and improved people's lives, and that her labor continues the activism, stretching all the way back to notables as Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth and Mary Harris "Mother" Jones—who understood that labor fairness was rooted in morality and inspired by the American quest for equality, justice and fairness.

As Mother Jones said many years ago: "The cause of the worker continues onward. . . . The future is in labor's strong, rough hands."

That future, today, is much brighter for working men and women, in large part due to the hard work of trade unionists like Margareta Crampton. To her, we owe a deep gratitude and offer our thanks and deep appreciation.

WHITESIDE SCHOOL NAMED AS NATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING LEADER SCHOOL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Whiteside School District in Belleville, Illinois which is one of 16 schools in the United States to serve as a 2002 National Service-Learning Leader School. This honor demonstrates the school's strong commitment to service-learning in its curriculum.

Whiteside has undertaken many projects which demonstrate its exceptional efforts in service. Students at the school have created a garden area, an outdoor science lab and a pond, including a fountain and fish. Also, sixth-

grade students at the school have converted a courtyard into an outdoor classroom and put new landscaping in the area.

The children have restored the Whiteside Cemetery, which had been abandoned and vandalized. In addition, they have done genealogical research on the people who are buried in the cemetery and have published an extensive Whiteside family history. They are taking photographs of other Civil War gravesites in St. Clair County, and they are in the process of putting together a web site that will include the genealogical information and other Civil War information. The students have assembled a CD-ROM that will be sent to the Library of Congress.

The teachers and administrators at Whiteside have been a great asset for these children, as they have combined service and education in a way that is fun and creative. There are 412 students in 5th through 8th grade at the school, and they have all been involved with service-learning projects. The children have not only found a new enthusiasm for their education, but they have performed valuable work for the community as well.

Whiteside continues to make a significant contribution to Southwestern Illinois and the entire nation, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing appreciation to the Whiteside School District for its dedication to service.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JIM STREACKER ON HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Jim Streacker of Tiffin, Ohio, will celebrate a milestone seventieth birthday on June 15, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Jim will be celebrating this monumental occasion with family and friends, all who have known of his selfless contributions to the local community. Serving the community was not only Jim's duty but also his honor. These chances to give back to the community have brought him a lifetime of both personal and professional achievement. Jim truly is a valued asset to the City of Tiffin.

Jim has served Tiffin well throughout his years both, professionally and philanthropically. In his state of semi-retirement from Streacker Tractor Sales, he continues to serve the agricultural community as Secretary of the Tractor Sales Association. He also holds a seat on the Seneca Industrial Environmental Development Commission, and is a member of the local chamber of commerce, the local business boosters, and the Key Bank Advisory Board.

Jim serves charitable interests of the Saint Francis Foundation, and the Betty Jane Advisory Board. Through Jim's work in the Calvert Foundation, he has helped manage the investments of the local school system in an effort to keep the schools properly financed and maintain a high standard of education for the community's children. He is also active in the local VFW, American Legion, and AMVETS

since serving his country in the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Jim Streacker. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Jim, who care about the well being and stability of their communities. We wish him the very best on this special occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL IN DALLAS, TEXAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, whereas on March 9, 2002, the Lincoln High School Tigers boys varsity basketball team in Dallas, Texas completed its 2001–2002 season undefeated, with 40 wins, 0 losses;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Tigers won the 2002 Texas State Championship;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Tigers were ranked number one by USA Today national high school ranking poll;

Whereas the coach of the Lincoln High School Tigers, Mr. Leonard Bishop, has also been awarded the national Coach Awards by USA Today and the Black Coaches Association, as well as the Dallas All Sports Awards area Coach of the Year;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Lady Tigers girls' team won the, District 12–4A Championship in Dallas, Texas, having completed the 2001–2002 season undefeated with 12 wins, 0 losses;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Lady Tigers continued to win their regional championship and were also state finalists;

Whereas the Lincoln High School Football team won their district championship, finishing the season undefeated with 6 wins, 0 losses; and

Whereas the Lincoln High School National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr. Club won the 2001 Dallas Boosting Engineers, Science & Technology (BEST) award, including the Most Elegant Robot award;

Be It Proclaimed, That I—

(1) congratulate—The Lincoln High School Tigers boys varsity basketball team for winning the 2002 Texas State Championship;

The Lincoln High School Lady Tigers girls basketball team for winning their 2002 district and regional championships;

The Lincoln High School Football team for winning the 2001 district championship; and

The Lincoln High School NSBE Jr. Club for winning the BEST award;

(2) commend the Lincoln High School Tigers boys varsity basketball team, the Lady Tigers girls basketball team, the football team and the NSBE Jr. Club for their outstanding performance during the entire 2001–2002 season and for their commitment to high standards of character, perseverance, and teamwork; and

(3) recognize the achievements of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the athletic teams and clubs win their respective championships and awards.